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Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.0 Percent

The Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced recently that the statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.0 percent, remaining unchanged over-the-month.

November's national unemployment rate stood at 5.7 percent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point from 5.3 percent in October. The difference of 1.7 percentage points between the state and national unemployment rates in November marked the largest spread between the two unemployment rates in eight months.

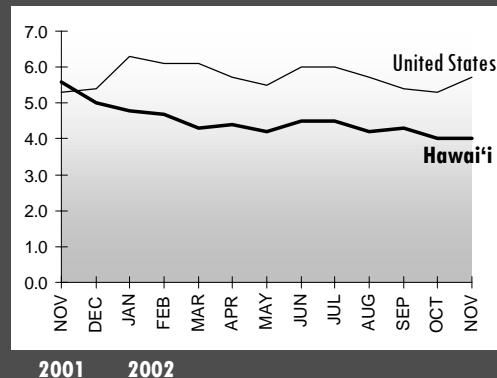
In November 2001, Hawaii's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, while the national unemployment rate was 5.3 percent. November's statewide labor force was comprised of 571,000 employed and 23,500 unemployed.

In another measure of employment, total non-agricultural jobs in November expanded by 5,500 over October. Seasonal factors accounted for the bulk of the job gains.

Holiday hiring boosted the retail trade industry as a whole by 2,100 jobs. Within retail trade, apparel and accessory stores increased by 600 jobs, general merchandise added 500 jobs, and eating and drinking places gained 400 jobs.

November experienced a typical rise in education, as public and private education grew by 1,600 and 500 jobs respectively.

Monthly Unemployment Rates



The business services sector expanded by 500 jobs, largely due to increased hiring at temporary help firms.

Airport security positions increased non-military Federal employment by 300 jobs.

Outside of retail trade, services, and government, jobs in other major industry groups showed little change over-the-month.

Data sources for unemployment rate and labor force estimates: 1) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; and 2) Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Data source for Nonagricultural job count: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	STATE OF HAWAII			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAII COUNTY			KAUAI COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	594.5	591.5	612.9	420.9	418.8	435.2	71.3	71.0	73.0	29.0	28.8	30.1	73.4	72.9	74.6
EMPLOYED	571.0	568.0	578.3	405.6	403.6	412.0	67.5	67.2	68.0	27.5	27.5	28.1	70.3	69.8	70.2
UNEMPLOYED	23.5	23.5	34.6	15.3	15.2	23.2	3.7	3.8	5.0	1.4	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.1	4.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.0%	4.0%	5.6%	3.6%	3.6%	5.3%	5.2%	5.3%	6.9%	5.0%	4.8%	6.6%	4.1%	4.3%	5.9%

NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

TOTAL	556.3	550.8	549.8	412.8	408.8	408.9	55.8	55.2	54.5	26.2	26.0	25.7	61.6	60.9	60.8
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	24.8	24.9	23.8	17.3	17.4	16.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.9	3.0	3.0
MANUFACTURING	17.1	17.3	17.7	13.4	13.6	13.9	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
DURABLE GOODS	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	13.1	13.2	13.5	10.0	10.1	10.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRANSP., COMM., & UTIL.	38.8	38.6	39.3	29.7	29.7	30.3	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.4	4.4	4.5
TRANSPORTATION	29.5	29.3	29.6	22.6	22.5	22.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
AIR TRANSPORTATION	12.4	12.5	12.3	10.1	10.2	10.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
COMMUNICATION	5.9	5.9	6.3	4.9	4.9	5.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
UTILITIES	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
TRADE	134.7	132.6	133.5	96.2	94.7	96.0	14.0	13.8	13.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	17.2	16.9	16.9
WHOLESALE	20.8	20.8	20.1	16.5	16.6	15.9	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
RETAIL	113.9	111.8	113.4	79.6	78.1	80.1	11.8	11.6	11.2	6.9	6.8	6.7	15.7	15.4	15.4
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	12.1	11.6	11.8	7.8	7.5	7.6	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
GROCERY	11.1	11.1	11.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
APPAREL & ACCESS.	7.4	6.8	7.8	5.4	4.9	5.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
EATING & DRINKING EST.	49.3	48.9	49.3	35.1	34.8	35.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	7.1	7.0	7.0
FINANCE, INS., REAL EST.	32.7	32.8	32.8	26.4	26.5	26.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
SERVICES & MISC.	188.3	186.5	183.4	134.2	132.8	130.2	20.0	19.9	19.7	10.0	10.0	9.8	24.1	23.9	23.7
HOTELS	37.0	36.8	36.5	15.3	15.2	14.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	11.0	10.9	11.1
HEALTH SERVICES	38.4	38.4	37.5	30.9	30.9	30.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
HOSPITALS	13.6	13.6	13.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
HEALTH SVC., EX. HOSPITALS	24.8	24.8	23.9	18.4	18.3	17.7	3.0	3.0	2.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.5	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	32.5	32.0	31.4	27.1	26.8	26.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.2	2.1	2.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	14.6	14.6	14.5	10.1	10.1	10.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12.1	11.6	11.9	10.7	10.2	10.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
ENG., ACCTG., MGT. SVC.	11.6	11.6	11.3	9.1	9.2	8.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6
GOVERNMENT	120.0	118.0	119.4	95.7	94.2	95.5	11.6	11.4	11.5	4.2	4.2	4.2	8.4	8.2	8.2
FEDERAL	31.3	31.0	29.7	28.9	28.9	27.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6
STATE	72.1	70.5	72.9	55.5	54.1	56.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.8	5.7	5.8
EDUCATION	47.5	45.9	48.5	37.8	36.4	38.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.3
LOCAL	16.6	16.6	16.8	11.3	11.3	11.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.9

N.D. = Less than 50 or Not Disclosed.

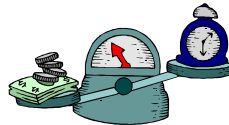
NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for current month is preliminary; other months are revised. State of Hawai'i & Honolulu County job data are in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total jobs include multiple jobholders & exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics. Estimates include all full- or part-time wage & salary employees who worked/received pay during the week including the 12th of the month. State government data includes all paid positions or jobs in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as reported in the Dept. of Accounting & General Services payroll report. It differs from Dept. of Human Resources Development figures, which counts civil service & exempt employees & their full-time equivalency in the executive branch.

Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	NOV 2002	OCT 2002	NOV 2001
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	142,405	142,878	141,911
EMPLOYED	134,358	135,237	134,359
UNEMPLOYED	8,047	7,640	7,551
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.7%	5.3%	5.3%

Hours & Earnings



State of Hawai'i

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INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction & Mining	18,700	\$ 929.61	31.3	\$29.70
Manufacturing	11,200	524.18	36.2	14.48
Communications & Utilities	7,800	1,054.18	42.1	25.04
Trade	118,800	302.29	28.9	10.46
Wholesale Trade	18,100	476.63	37.5	12.71
Retail Trade	100,700	270.27	27.3	9.90
Eating & Drinking Establishments	44,700	184.27	23.9	7.71
Deposit & Nondepository Institutions	6,500	545.34	36.6	14.90
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33,500	455.54	32.4	14.06

Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the Hawai'i State Workforce Development Division.

Interested employers should call the number following each profile.

Aviation Mechanic: Recently separated US Army veteran. School trained helicopter engine mechanic. 5 years aviation mechanic exper. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Baker: US Navy veteran. Seeking production bakery position. Excellent military and civilian exper. as production baker. Very good attitude and mature. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Bartender and Waiter: US Marine Corps veteran. 12+ years exper. in food service and hospitality fields. Worked in fine dining establishments. Has current "blue car." Resume available. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

Computer Programmer: US Army veteran. Extensive programming exper. in the banking industry. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Counselor/Teacher Aide: US Army veteran desires to use his exper. and skills as teacher/counselor to assist students or other individuals needing guidance. 18 years working exper. in counselor and teaching. AA - General Education. AS - Teacher Education (incl. updated Teacher Training Certificate of Completion from American Samoa). Currently attending LCC to upgrade computer skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Customer Service Representative/Office Worker: Recently separated US Air Force veteran. Seeking employment as a Customer Service Representative/Office Worker. Types 40 wpm. Computer literate. Personable. Looking for full-time position. Ready to start immediately. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Delivery/Forklift: Recently separated US Marine veteran. Seeking permanent position. Certified forklift driver currently working for temporary agency as delivery driver and casual seasonal worker at the Post Office. Physically fit - can do and will do labor task - loading and unloading. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Environmental Technician: US Army veteran. 7+ years exper.. Has various environmental certificates. Positive attitude with team player qualities. Salary negotiable. *Call Jorge L. Torres at 586-8706.*

Executive Assistant: US Navy veteran. 12 years exper. with all aspects of office administration such as typing letters, memos, minutes from meetings, and customer service. Computer skills incl. Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, and Outlook. Types 65 wpm. Seeking \$26,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Food Service Management: US Marine Corps Gulf veteran. 10 years exper. in food service management and training. BS - Hotel Management. Received many certifications in safety. Resume available. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

Food Service Mgr.: US Army veteran. 5+ years exper. BBA - Mgmt. & Food Sanitation certificate. Resume available. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

Health Technician/Administrative Assistant: Recently separated US Army veteran. Seeking health technologist or administrative assistant position. Excellent military exper. as a medical technician. Computer literate. Types 60 wpm. Pending Liberal Arts degree from HCC and EMT certificate. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Hotel Front Desk Manager: US Navy veteran. 5+ years exper. Will bring outstanding work ethics, skills and exper. to any hotel. BA - Business Administration. Salary negotiable. *Call Jorge L. Torres at 586-8706.*

Information Technology: US Navy veteran. 15+ years exper. Worked for Fortune 500 companies in US and Japan. BS - Information Management. MCSE certified. Resume available. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

Information Technology: Recently separated US Navy veteran. Seeking employment in the Information Technology field. 7+ years as Network Administrator (Information Systems Technician). Knowledgeable with various computer hardware/software. Looking for full-time position. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Law Enforcement: US Army veteran. 15+ years exper. BS in Criminal Science. Bilingual in Spanish and English. Resume available. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

Mechanical Engineer: US Navy veteran. 10 years exper. as lead engineer of main propulsion steam engineering plant and auxiliary equipment for special warfare missions. Responsible for major mechanical tests, contract negotiations, equipment planning, time line management methods and applications. Computer Skills: C++, Visual 6.0, Microsoft Office, Suite 2000, Java Script, Visual Basic, SQL, Fortran, Pascual, Micro Graphics, Intel Plus and Sun Micro. Seeking \$30,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Network Engineer: US Navy veteran. Seeking IT position as network engineer. Excellent computer exper. in the private sector. Appears mature and responsible. Eager to start. Open pay. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Nurse Aide/Home Care Aide: US Army veteran. Military training and 18 months Medical Specialist exper. Desires to continue to work in the medical field. Currently scheduled to attend Windward Community College for upgrade of medical skills. Plans to take American Red Cross test upon completion. Salary negotiable. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

ORACLE Database Administrator/UNIX System Administrator: US Coast Guard veteran. 8 years exper. as database administrator. BS - Computer Science. Seeking \$50,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Sales/Marketing Manager: US Navy veteran. Seeking employment in sales and marketing. Excellent Supervisor/Management skills incl. counseling, training, public speaking, scheduling, inventory, profit/loss, and customer service. Education: Masters in Organizational Management. Licensed Notary Public. Desires full-time position. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Security Guard: US Army veteran. 5+ years exper. Highly qualified, clean cut, positive attitude, team player. BA degree - Biblical Studies. Salary Negotiable. *Call Jorge L. Torres at 586-8706.*

Security Officer: Retired US Army veteran. Extensive security exper. both in military service and private industry. Pay negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Spa Assistant/Recreational Aid/Hostess: US Air Force veteran. Recently separated from military. Dependable, hard working, drug free. Seeking \$9/hr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Welder: US Navy veteran. 10+ years exper.. Recently returned from the mainland. Worked in large ship building facilities. Certified welding certificate. Pay negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

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- Identify job skills and interests, then match those skills to related occupations;
- Search for jobs and employers;
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- Discover training opportunities;
- Access wage information, and compare wages for the same job in different parts of the state;
- Find economic indicators including population, property values and unemployment rates for an area;
- Manage and save your own content, labor market information, job searches, articles, and publications;
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If you have any questions or comments, please send an e-mail to hiwi@rs.dlir.state.hi.us or call (808) 586-9013.

Hawaii's minimum wage increased to \$6.25 on January 1, 2003



As we begin 2003, the Research & Statistics Office of the Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations would like to express appreciation to all of the establishments that provided us with invaluable data. The information enabled us to estimate employment, production hours, worker earnings, and occupational employment for our local and national reports. Only with your cooperation are we able to accurately determine trends in our state's economy. We thank you and hope for your continued assistance and support.



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